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AMERICUS, Ga. - The Armstrong Atlantic State softball squad clubbed three home runs in a 9-5 Peach Belt Conference victory over host Georgia Southwestern on Friday in game one, but the Hurricanes used a pair of solo home runs of their own to earn a split with a 2-1 win in game two.

The Pirates (26-13, 5-7 PBC) have now split each of their three PBC road doubleheaders this season, while Georgia Southwestern (18-29, 4-14 PBC) has now won four of its last five games.

AASU jumped on top of the Hurricanes in game one, thanks to a solo home run from Megan Qualls in the second inning that put the Pirates ahead, 1-0. **Nicole Huddleston** then followed with a two-run shot in the top of the fourth inning to make the score, 3-0.

Georgia Southwestern answered with a run in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI double from Katie Wooten, but the Pirates would assume control of the contest with three runs in the top of the fifth on a double steal, an RBI single from Baillie Temples and an RBI double from Huddleston.

Heather Walker would put the exclamation point on the game for the Pirates with a two-run home run in the top of the sixth inning.

Shelby Duff (8-4) picked up the win for the Pirates in game one, giving up five hits and three runs in 4 1/3 innings, walking one and striking out six. Emily Headrick would hurl 2 2/3 innings of two-hit, two-run ball to notch her first save of the season.

Mariko Nomura (6-17) took the loss for the Hurricanes in game one, giving up seven hits and six runs in five innings pitched, walking one and striking out three.

Game two was much tighter as both teams were scoreless until the bottom of the fourth inning when Lyndi Duff and Megan Wilkinson would connect on solo home runs, separated by one batter, against AASU starter Megan Barnwell - two of only three hits Barnwell would give up in the game.

The score stayed 2-0 in favor of the Hurricanes into the seventh inning. The Pirates scored a run on a wild pitch to cut the lead to 2-1 and had the tying run on second base, but Georgia Southwestern starter Jessica Martin (6-8) would retire the final batter to preserve the win.

Martin hurled seven innings of four-hit ball, giving up just one unearned run, walking two and striking out seven to notch the win for the Hurricanes. Barnwell (11-5) took the loss for the Pirates, giving up three hits and two runs in six innings pitched, walking three and striking out eight.

April Jowers and Shelby Duff each collected three hits in the doubleheader to lead the Pirates, while Huddleston had a pair of hits and three RBIs in game one.

Brooke McLemore had a pair of hits and a pair of runs scored in game one for the Hurricanes, while Heather Hodge and Duff each also notched a pair of hits.

AASU returns to action on Saturday with a 2:00 p.m. Peach Belt Conference doubleheader at Columbus State.



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